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his people, in the Nationall and Solemne League and Covenant, and give satisfaction in the matter of Propositions, which the Parliaments of both Nations shall make unto him, for the full assurance of his people in the future, and the firme establishment of the Peace and Union of these three Kingdomes in Church and Common-wealth, without both which the Petitioners cannot expect any firm or real Peace in these kingdoms. And that his Majestie may be the better disposed to this conjunction, and the Parliament and this City in the interim secured, the Petitioners humbly offer it unto the wisdom of your Lordships to take course, that such as have been in opposition to the Parliament, may be removed out of this Citie, and to be kept at a distance from his Majesties Royall presence.

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of as it was delivered to them is annexed: Which doth exact this addition from the Petitioners; That your Lordships would consider, what effect the unexpected approach of such an Army, and the concurrence of such a Petition may worke in the people; how long time all manner of Provisions have beene deare and scarce in this City; how much the same must needes bee increased, when such an Armie must bee fed, before they can expect to bee served thence; and what murmurs the same may raise amongst so great a multitude of Poore, as are already and doe daily encrease in this City.

And then that your Lordships would be pleased to give command, that the Army may bee forthwith removed, and after with all convenient speed disbanded; That the Petition annexed may bee out of hand suppressed, and the contrivers and promoters thereof enquired after; And that the Parliament and this City may in the meane time bee preserved in safety; That your Lordships would please to give this Court authority to make annuall election of the Members of the Militia of this City according to their late Petition.

And the Petitioners shall daily pray &c.



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And the Petitioners humbly pray, that this Honorable House will give no credit to any Representation of the minde and sense of the City, contrary unto this their solemn Profession, although even some of those who serve for the City, or are free thereof, or any others, should make any other Representation of the same.

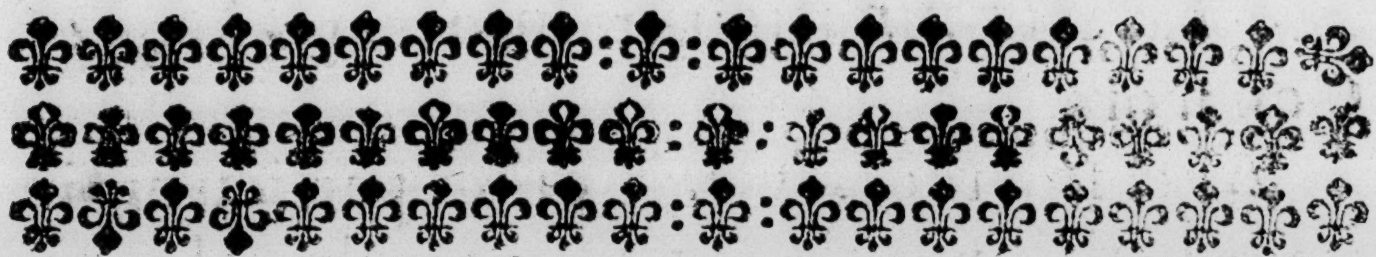
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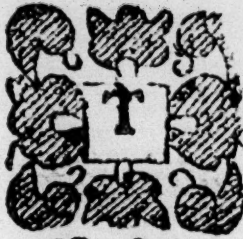
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Die Mercurii, 17. Martii, 1646.

 He Lords acknowledge that they have had such eminent and constant expressions of the fidelity and good affections of the Lord Major, Aldermen and Commons of the City of *London*, as that nothing can alter their confidence of them. The present Declaration of your zeale and care for the honor and safety of the Parliament by your Petition, the Lords receive with gladnes, and returne you thanks, and desire you to be confident, that they will neglect no time nor meanes in the improving of their power for the preservation of the happiness and security of the Kingdome and City of *London*.

The particular concerning the *Militia* of the City of *London*, the Lords have long since taken into their consideration and passed it

and have transmitted it into the House of
Commons.

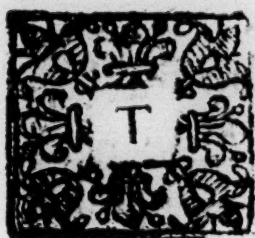
And for the severall other particulars in
your Petition, they will speccilly take the
same into their consideration,

Job. Brewn Cleric. Parliamentorum.

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THE House being informed that divers of the Aldermen and Common-councill were at the doore desiring to present a Petition to this House, they were called in, and Sheriffe *Edmonds* did acquaint the House that they were appointed by the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Common-councill of the City of *London*, to present this their Petition to this House, The Petition was stiled, *The humble Petition of the Lord Maior, Aldermen and Commons of the Citie of London in Common councill assembled.* The Petitioners being withdrawne, the Petition was read, and likewise the Copy of a Petition annexed, which is the same with that printed Copy which was informed against, and brought into this House on Monday last.

The Petitioners were againe called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted them, That the house had considered of the Particulars in the Petition; And that the House had already most of the Particulars under consideration, and have appointed a time to take the rest into consideration, and doe resolve to proceede in such manner with them as may be most for the ease, safety and satisfaction of the City, and the whole Kingdome. That a copie of the Petition annexed was lately brought to this House, and that they had

Put it into a way of consideration; Mr. Speaker further acquainted the Petitioners that he was commanded to tell them, That the House takes very special notice of the declaration and expressions of the Petitioners, and by them of the whole Cities constant, fervent, real and sincere affections to the service of the Parliament. The seasonableness of these expressions addes some weight unto them; being at such a conjuncture of time when the enemies both to the Parliament and Citie did raise to themselves vaine and groundlesse hopes of some misunderstanding between this House and the City, the contrary whercof this will sufficiently manifest, for which he is commanded to give them the hearty thanks of this House.

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Die Mercurii, 17. Martii, 1646.

IT is this day Ordered by the
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exhibited this Day to the House of
Peeres, shall be Printed and published
by the Printer belonging to the said
City, together with the Answer there-
upon.

Job. Browne Cler. Parliamentorum.

